

## SENATE RESOLUTION 195

By Norris

A RESOLUTION congratulating the St. George's Independent School girls' soccer team on its capture of the Division II, Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable sports team is the St. George's Independent School girls' soccer team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2007 season and captured the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletics Association (TSSAA) Division II, Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, soccer is one of the most physically demanding sports and requires constant practice, an unwavering commitment to excellence, a highly-developed understanding of the importance of team play, and an often torturous training regimen played at a level of excellence displayed by the St. George soccer players throughout their spectacular season; and

WHEREAS, led to this pinnacle of success by the astute leadership of coach Tony Whicker, the St. George team compiled a noteworthy record of fourteen wins, six losses, and one tie during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, the team then dispatched the Harding Academy team by the score of six to one to capture the Regional title and outscored Lausanne three to one in the semi-final round of the play-offs in their bid for the title; and

WHEREAS, as the team left the field at Girls Preparatory School on November 2, 2007, they left as champions, having upset Harding Academy again, this time by the score of four to one, a truly impressive display of talent, ability, and determination; and

WHEREAS, the members of the St. George's Independent School girls' soccer team are Kellie Kosar, Whitney Kramer, Mary Patterson, Christa Palms, Lindsey Anne Grisham, Kay

Calandruccio, Claire Pendergrast, Vanessa Parks, Sophie Sandlin, Danielle Devoto, Taylor Cowan, Alyson Reid, Kelsey Wilson, Adeline Brown, Hannah Graham, Margaret Patterson, Kelsey Cannon, and Kyle Capstick; and

WHEREAS, these players epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the pitch; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their successes in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the St. George's Independent School soccer team for winning the 2007 TSSAA State Championship title and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and congratulate the coach and members of the St. George's Independent School girls' soccer team on their capture of the TSSAA Division II, Class A State Championship, applauding their commitment, determination, and dedication and offering our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.